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CHICAGO COIN CLUB Chatter

Meets the Second Wednesday, 8 P. M., at the Pick Congress Hotel

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DINNER MEETING, 5th FLOOR, HARDING'S RESTAURANT, 21 S. WABASH AVE.

DECEMBER MEETING

At the December 11 meeting we had the traditional holiday social time with coffee and cookies, and the ladies exchanged presents via a grab-bag. This followed the normal meeting, of course, which will be reported a bit briefly here.

Some details of the annual meeting in January were discussed and are reported in a separate item in this issue. *** James Budd spoke of his plan for a new method of classifying exhibits at the CSNS 1969 convention, May 2-4, in the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel. There was some discussion but the plan, to be announced soon by Budd, has the support of the Club. *** The slate of officers for 1969, as reported in the December CHATTER, was elected without opposition. *** A motion to invite the A.N.A. to hold its 1973 convention in Chicago passed without opposition but not without some discussion. *** Varied and fine exhibits were by Gerda Birkholz (she invited everyone to see her exhibit in the Forest Park Library), J. Fiorenza, H. Flower, Gary Krug, Wm. Pettit, David Schecter and G. B. Smedley. *** After the most protracted drawing of the year, August Hausske won the free 1969 dues prize. (He'd just paid his dues, as you would guess) Losers were: J. Aristich, Elston G. Bradfield, Aldona Davis, Dr. Frazin, J. Gaidar, M. Gates, M. Gray, Geo. Howe, E. Keller, J. Lotter, S. Marich, P. More, W. Nemecek, B. Odesser, R. Peterson, H. Shaner, M. V. Sheldon, A. Sinkula, J. Turner and R. S. Yeoman. (Twenty) *** Wm. Brown gave an interesting talk on Masonic Chapter Pennies and exhibited a variety of them. Brown is thinking of submitting his paper for publication in The Numismatist since nothing has appeared on this collecting specialty for some years. *** Secretary Baker received quite a few 1969 dues payments and reminds others to send theirs to her soon. Resident, $5.00; Non-resident, $1.50; and Associate, $1.00.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Life for Walter Nemecek hung by a fine thread for several days after a heart attack about one month ago. After exactly a month in a hospital, he is at home and doing well now. However, he cannot have visitors yet, and probably won't be out for another two months. He wants the CHATTER to say "hello" to his many friends. Phone him on St 8-9055 or send a card to him at 2215 Elmwood Ave., Berwyn, Il. 60402.

It is most gratifying to be able to report that Elston Bradfield spent Christmas in his home after several weeks treatment for his Parkinson's ailment in a hospital. He is much improved and says "many thanks" to all who sent greetings to him. His address is 3079 N. Greenwood Ave., Highland Park, Il. 60035.

OUR 600th MEETING

No one, of course, has attended all of the preceding 599 meetings of the Chicago Coin Club but every present member who possibly can should be at this historic meeting on January 8. J. Thomas Nolan has arranged for a fine meal, preceded by a social hour, and a very unusual program after dinner. He is happy with reservations received but trusts there will be more. You may mail your check for $6.00 per person, to reach him no later than next Monday, January 6, at 4250 Marine Drive, Chicago, Il. 60613. See next page for form.

Come to Harding's, 21 S. Wabash Ave., 5th floor, at 6:30 p.m. to visit friends at a Dutch treat cocktail hour. If you ordered a 50th Anniversary silver medal, Member Bill Louth assures us that they will be on hand to be picked up. Total cost, $20.00, of which you deposited at least $5.00 with your order. Also, a 600th meeting token in gold-appearing metal is being made (only 250) for sale at $1.00 cash-and-carry, or $1.25 postpaid. Soon-to-be Past President James Grebinger will handle them - P.O. Box 614, Oak Park, Illinois 60303.

Member Thomas Shugrue, with Harding's for many years, promises us a prime rib dinner second to none, to be served at 7:30 sharp. The price of your ticket pays for the dinner from fruit cup to dessert, including tax and gratuity. A.N.A. Past President Matt Rothert will install the new officers after the 1968 awards have been presented. Richard Cabeen plans to be present to make the first award in his name for the judges' choice of the top exhibitor at the last four meetings of 1968. (Who'll get it? Wish I knew for I confess to having tried but only the scorekeeper knows and he isn't talking)

Now, you've eaten a delicious meal, gotten or seen others get the awards, and seen your new officers installed. You've had your money's worth, so go home if you wish. BUT, if you do you will miss a most unusual show. It's to be a surprise but I am allowed to tell this much: partly professional and partly amateur - with quite a few attending members taking part. A musician who's a real entertainer will assist, also a young lady who'll remind you of Mae West, Marilyn Monroe and Sophie Tucker - all in one glamorous gown. Stay away - or leave early - if you like; a lot of members will be there to tell you later what you missed. By the way, any members who just can't get there for dinner may come in around 8:30 for the meeting and festivities.

Maybe best of all will be the treat of seeing and visiting with some members who seldom get to meetings. As of now (Dec. 27) we expect the Bebees, The Cabeens, The Dolnicks, The Clyde Grimms, Chet Krause (poor Chet has no wife so will bring his editor, Clifford Mishler), Matt Rothert (Janet is in another orbit this year and can't be with us), and The Yeomans. There are sure to be others.

Cut off and send to Tom Nolan NOW if you haven't a reservation yet

Mr. J. Thomas Nolan
4250 Marine Drive
Chicago, Il. 60613

Dear Tom:

Please reserve _____places for me at the Chicago Coin Club 600th meeting. Enclosed is my check in the amount of $6.00 per dinner. I will pay for the dinners when I arrive. (Cross out one of the above sentences)

I understand the dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. January 8 on the fifth floor at Harding's, 21 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

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Please sign legibly

CHICAGO COIN CLUB Chatter

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Vol. 21 No. 2 | 601st Meeting | February 12, 1969

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601st MEETING, LINCOLN ROOM (3rd Floor North) PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

JANUARY (600th) MEETING

The 77 members and friends who attended this meeting had one regret - that bad weather kept some of you away. Traveling WAS bad! Arranged by J. Thomas Nolan and Thomas Shugrue the meeting was conducted by outgoing President Grebinger, Matt H. Rothert and Harry X Boosel. The champagne was good (wish I could remember Matt's toasts to the Club) and the prime rib dinner was excellent.

Speeches were brief, starting with Grebinger's introduction of out-of-towners Michael and Sylvia Dolnick, Jasper Fiorenza, Clyde and Jo Grimm, Chester Krause and Clifford Mischler, William Ross and Matt Rothert. He noted messages of regret at being absent from the Bebees, Bolenders, Budds, William T. Louth, Margo Russell, D. J. Worthington and the Yeomans.

Program Chairman Gerda Birkholz presented plaques to the following members who were program speakers during 1968: Wm. H. Brown, Howard Eisenberg, Dennis Forgue, Lee Hewitt, Matt Rothert, Glenn Smedley and Peter Spadoni. Plaques went to several nonmember guest speakers also. For her many activities in the Club over a number of years, especially as a leading exhibitor and promoter of educational functions, Gerda Birkholz received the 1968 Medal of Merit. The first Richard McP. Cabeen annual award to the top exhibitor at regular meetings want to Glenn Smedley, based on exhibits at the last four meetings only. In the future there will be a 2nd place award also.

For his generous monetary gifts to the Club last year, "Dick" Cabeen received a 50th anniversary silver medal in a special presentation case. All of us were happy to have "Dick" and Mrs. Cabeen with us on this special occasion.

Prior to installing the new officers (see heading of this issue), A.N.A. Past President Matt H. Rothert reviewed briefly the formation of the Club on February 14, 1919, and mentioned some of its most noted members and accomplishments since that date. In the passing-of-the-gavel ceremony, James Grebinger presented a mini-gavel to incoming President James Babka. After outlining his plans for the coming year, Babka presented the Club's Past President medal to Grebinger upon his completion of two intensive years in office.

The evening was concluded with an audience-participation program of entertainment conducted by your editor with the invaluable help of Sharon Calderone, secretary of Oak Park Coin Club, and Mayo Bruno, a professional accordionist. It was an amateurish show but evoked some laughs.

MEDALS AND TOKENS

Those who ordered the 50th Anniversary silver medal and didn't pick it up at the January meeting should send the balance due (in most cases $15) to James J. Babka, 15250 S. Ridgeway, Midlothian, Ill. 60445, so that he can mail it to you. Be sure to give your mailing address, including zip code.

A dollar-size goldine (brass) token was struck to commemorate the 600th meeting. Members wanting this token should send $1.25 for each to

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Gerda Birkholz plans an exhibit and a slide-talk on Washingtonia at the February meeting. She has some interesting color photos which she and Al took on a trip to Williamsburg last fall. She may convince you that it's more timely than you think.

James L. Grebinger, P.O. Box 614, Oak Park, Ill. 60303 at once. Those not picked up or ordered by the time of the February meeting will be sold to anyone who wants them - only 250 were struck.

Available to members and nonmembers alike at $5.00 postpaid, the 50th Anniversary Medal is to be struck in bronze soon. Checks for the number wanted should be sent promptly to James L. Grebinger at his address on 1st page. The number to be struck depends upon the orders received this month but will not exceed 500 in any case. Delivery is expected to be made by mid-April. Pictures of the 2-1/4 inch piece have appeared in the A.N.A. Club Bulletin (January), Numismatic News (Jan. 28), and in Coin World (Feb. 5) and probably will be seen elsewhere. It was producted by Medallic Art Co. from models created by Trygve Rovelstad, designer of the 1936 Elgin half dollar and the 1968 Illinois Sesqu. medal.

IN MEMORIAM

The nearly 12-year period of invalidism of Earl C. Brown, member 418, ended with a heart attack on January 21. Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa June 13, 1887, Earl spent most of his life in Chicago as a CPA. Following retirement from Peabody Coal Co. in 1953, he worked with C.C.C. members Charles E. and Ruth Green in their well known coin business until he suffered a severe stroke early in 1957.

About 25 years ago Earl's collecting interest shifted from stamps to coins. He became a member of both C.C.C. and A.N.A. in 1944, and joined C.S.N.S. in 1948. He was devoted to all three, serving in an outstanding manner as secretary of C.C.C. (1947-49) and of C.S.N.S. (1954-57). All three organizations awarded their Medal of Merit to him for his dedicated services.

His collecting interest was varied and serious, but many a numismatist from coast to coast remember him for his friendliness and interest in his fellowmen. Survivors include his devoted wife, Helen, a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Beedle of California, and grandson Gary Beedle. A son preceded Earl in death. Kind memories of Earl C. Brown will live as long as anyone who knew him lives.

PERSONAL NOTES

While we were celebrating at the 600th meeting, Bruno Rzepka was just starting to recover from an operation. Happily we now report that he is recuperating at home from the installation (is that the word, Bruno?) of a new jaw bone. We look forward to seeing you soon - Bruno's the only man I know who has part of one of his own ribs in his mouth.

Another member, Andrew Oberbillig, went through an operating room recently. We learned at the January meeting that he was in VA Research Hospital, but not the nature of his ailment. In any case, he attended the Jan. 25 CSNS convention committee meeting and seemed well recovered. Andrew has the outstanding exhibit of New Zealand material which won more awards in 3 years than we can recount here.

Adeline Bebee's birthday is Feb. 22. That is Washington's b'day too, but the coincidence has not anything to do with Adeline's age.

CENTRAL STATES CONVENTION

This will not be "just another convention", leastwise not with respect to several of its features. First, it will be "our" convention and so every member who possibly can should take part. If there's a net income, the Club treasury will benefit, so you'll be helping your Club in a very real way. Contact Gen. Chm. Howard Eisenberg, 1308 Spring St. #201, Madison, Wisc. 53715 to offer your services.

Secondly, the exhibit classifications will be on an experimental basis and your help is needed to give the plan a fair trial. Exhibit Chm. James R. Budd, 130 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Illinois 60302, announces the following classes: A, Art & Archeology; B., Economics & Commerce; C, History; D, Geography; E, Religion & Mythology; and F., General. You may include various kinds of numismatic items in any class - coins, medals, tokens, paper money, etc. Judging for awards will be on a point system. Contact Budd soon for a space reservation form (that must be returned before April 20) and more details.

Start planning to take your part in making this a fitting affair to observe the Club's 50th and the CSNS 30th Anniversary. The dates: May 2-4 (Friday-Sunday): The place: Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, 505 N. Michigan Avenue (on the magnificent mile).

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602nd MEETING, LINCOLN ROOM (3rd Floor North) PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES

The Club's second half century got off to a good start with a lively and well-attended meeting on Lincoln's birthday. This was the first of three consecutive meetings scheduled to be held in the Lincoln Room which is somewhat smaller than our regular room but is quite ample.

President Babka announced several committees, including Gerda Birkholz, Programs; J. L. Grebinger, Medals and Awards; Wm. Hoppe, Exhibits; Peter Spadoni, Registration; and Glenn Smedley, Editor. *** G. A. Burr of the City was elected to membership - we hope to see him regularly at meetings. Joseph B. Rosenbery of Park Forest has applied for membership. *** Members were reminded to spread the word to spouses of all members that the Club is prepared to give help and counsel to any who request it in the case of death of members. The Club will not buy coins nor make definite appraisals but will advise regarding the disposal of numismatic collections who so requested. *** Exhibitors included Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, Dennis Forgue, Gary Krug and William Pettit. Remember, this year the Richard Cabeen Exhibit Award will be given in silver to the one who wins the most points and in bronze to the runner-up. It's not too late to get in the race for this outstanding honor. *** The first name drawn for the attendance prize was a man's who was (usually is) present, so Peter Spadoni won't have to pay 1970 dues. *** Howard Eisenberg and his chairmen spoke on preparations for the Central States Convention May 2-4 at the Chicago-Sheraton Hotel. Requests for exhibit space must reach Chairman Budd (130 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Ill. 60302) by April 20, so time is running out. Keep the new classifications in mind: Art & Archeology, Economics & Commerce, History, Geography, Religion & Mythology, and General. Awards will be beautiful art medals. *** Gerda Birkholz gave a timely talk, illustrated with color slides, on General Washington's activities during the Revolutionary War. She and Al took the photos during a visit last fall to landmarks in the Williamsburg area. Her fine presentation and excellent slides made a most interesting program.

PERSONAL NOTES

Frank and Evelyn Zaylik proudly announce the arrival of a son on January 22 at St. James Hospital. Congratulations!

The only March birthday of which I know is Helen Brown's on the 8th. Send a card, even if a day or two late, to her at 6330 N. Winthrop Ave., Chicago 60626

C. Sam Carlson, who has liquidated the last of some pretty fine coins and medals he once had, plans to visit his native Sweden for the 13th time in the spring. Enjoy yourself, Sam, but be sure to return to us.

Member George Barnett's mail is being returned marked "Addressee Unknown". Anyone know of his present whereabouts?

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President Babka will show the Medallic Art Company movie "Let's Take A Trip" and speak on the production of medals, which is essentially the same as making coins, at the March 12 meeting. This is a most interesting and informative film. Jim's work in tool and die making, and his set of medals showing various stages of production, assure that this will be an exceptionally good program.

NOTES TO NOTICE

An order will be places for the bronze 50th Anniversary medals the day after the March meeting. At only $5.00 this is a good buy - don't miss it! See Jim Grebinger at the mmeting or send your order with check payable to "Chicago Coin Coub Medal" to him at P.O. Box 614, Oak Park 60303. He must have it by March 12 to be included in the order.

There are still on hand some of the brass dollar-tokens commemorating the 600th meeting. No more will be produced so if anyone wants one or more he should send $1.25 for each to Grebinger. Such commemorative pieces as this token, and the 50th Anniversary medal, have a way of being wanted as soon as the supply is exhausted - get yours now.

One action taken at the mid-February A.N.A. board meeting was the fixing of the 1973 convention in Boston. Following this year's in Philadelphia, the 1970 will be in St. Louis, 1971 in Washington, D. C., and 1972 in New Orleans. There is some talk of changing from the Tuesday-Saturday dates to Thursday-Monday after next year. How does this strike you?

Speaking of this board meeting, while we were in Colorado Springs for it the Bureau of Engraving and Printing delivered and opened an excellent exhibit in the A.N.A. headquarters money museum. It consists of eight specially madeframes containing some of the old large-size notes, current size in many series and denominations (including some uncut sheets), and other material and information on Bureau work.

It was truly a pleasure to meet and talk with Bureau Director James A. Conlon, his charming wife, and Garland Bell, chief of audit and security at the Bureau. This exhibit and visit intensified my previously established opinion that the personnel of the Bureau are the most cooperative people we have in federal government circle. The Conlons were on their way back to Washington from a visit in California.

Director Conlon stated that $1 notes bearing Joseph W. Barr's signature have been released to four Federal Reserve Banks and are being printed for a fifth. This may be all because the Bureau will be ready soon to start on the new series bearing Chicagoan David M. Kennedy's signature and the new Treasury seal.

CENTRAL STATES CONVENTION

While this is the 1969 convention of C.S.N.S. its degree of success depends very much on members of Chicago Coin Club. Chairman Howard B. Eisenberg and his committee members are doing their job of planning but they need your help to make it a reality. You can help by volunteering your services for as much time as possible on May 1 through the 4th. Help will be needed to set up, at the registration desk and in other chores. See or write to Eisenberg at 1308 Spring St., Madison, Wis. 53715 and tell him when you can be available.

As stated previously, the exhibit classifications are a tryout for making that phase of conventions more interesting. Some are sure it is a good idea; others are doubtful. In any case, it should have a fair trial, which means plenty of entries. Exhibits may be placed between 10 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday and may not be removed before 3 p.m. Sunday without special permission. Your may use from one to five 18 by 30-inch cases.

This is the 50 - 30 Anniversary Convention: The Chicago Coin Club's 50th and the Central States Numismatic Society's 30th. Won't YOU help make it an outstanding event?????

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At the meeting with Bureau officials in Colorado Springs, Director Conlon was asked for his reaction to the proposal for colored bills to distinguish the different denominations. That this is not a new idea is proven by the following excerpts from THE NUMISMATISTS of 40 years ago (January, 1929). the new small-size bills were being printed, to be released on July 10 of that year.

"A method of preventing errors in the receiving, counting and paying of paper money developed by H. W. Marcus of Olean, N. Y., again is receiving the attention of officials of the Treasury Department. Marcus' plan, first conceived thirty years ago, recommends the use of distinctive colors in the printing of each denomination of paper money. ...new Marcus hopes it will be only a short time before citizens will be able to distinguish the various bills by their hues."

Marcus had conferred with Treasury Secretary Andrew W. Mellon and other officials, all of whom were very gracious by noncommittal. Today's officials? Very gracious but noncommittal!

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609th MEETING ** PLAZA ROOM ** 2nd FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

Did the Club hold its September meeting in a barroom? Not exactly, although those arriving early found a bar set up in the Grant Park Room, with little cocktail tables scattered around. After a bit of delay and confusion, the room was cleared and set up for our meeting, which got started a few minutes late. Except that Secretary Marge Baker had to use paper handkerchiefs continuously, the meeting progressed smoothly (and Marge recovered from the cold by-and-by).

Harry Boosel turned over to President Babka the Club's 50-year A.N.A. membership award that he had accepted in the Club's behalf at the August Philadelphia convention banquet. It is being mounted for preservation and display. *** Glenn Smedley presented to Alvin Kress the first place Lewis M. Reagon Memorial Award for the best paper by a junior A.N.A. member published in 1968. The Club is proud of this junior member's achievement, as well as of junior member James W. Plath's winning the second place Debbie Jane Gould Memorial Award for an article of numismatic research, also published last year in The Numismatist. *** A motion was made and passed without opposition that the obverse (female head) die of our 50th Anniversary medal be cancelled and returned to the Club, and that it be exhibited at the P.N.G. show Oct. 16-18. *** It was moved also that arrangements be made with the Congress Hotel management to hold our 1970 meetings here. There was little discussion and no opposition, and the arrangements have been made. *** As a result of a motion passed, Pres. Babka appointed a committee to investigate and report on possible arrangements for our annual dinner meeting in January. *** Applications for membership were read from the following: Louis A. Bergmann, Gold Stella Coin Co., Chicago; Miss Leah Klein, Chicago; and Russell Rulau, Sidney Printing and Publishing Co., Sidney, Ohio. *** Fine and varied exhibits were shown by Marjorie Baker, Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, Dennis Forgue, Lee Hewitt, William Hoppe, I. T. Kopicki, Alvin Kress, Gary Krug, William Pettit and Glenn Smedley. *** President Babka outlined plans for the Club's participation in the P.N.G. show to be held October 16-18 at the LaSalle Hotel. The main activities for which the Club is responsible are the exhibits under Frank Zaylik's direction and the registration table, of which J. Thomas Nolan is in charge. Members are asked to help a few hours each with the registration. The Club receives a substantial check from P.N.G. for these services, so anyone helping is making a definite and needed contribution to our income for the year. *** Time did not permit holding the program arranged by Gerda Birkholz so she graciously offered to postpone it to the October meeting.

SEE THE RED ROOM

Our favorite area, the Plaza Room, has been redecorated since we last used it. It's so red now that we may all appear to be blushing from the reflections (no, it does not have red lights) so girls, see that your dress is compatible with red - real red and lots of it.

Gerda Birkholz will show slides illustrating a talk on the trip which she and Al took to Germany recently. Judging from comments your editor has heard, this will be a most interesting talk.

HOW"S YOUR NAME SPELLED??

Copy is being made ready for printing our 1969 CLUB BULLETIN, which will contain the names (no addresses) of all members - past and present. In a few instances there are variations in the spelling of members' names in our records. If yours is incorrect on the envelope in which this CHATTER was received, please notify J. L. Grebinger at once. Just a card or note will do, but be sure to print your name as it should be. Complaints after the printing has been done will do no good - write now! J. L. Grebinger, P. O. Box 614, Oak Park, Ill. 60302.

PERSONAL NOTES

We learned recently of a sad experience which the Paul Igelmans had. Their daughter was in a car accident several months ago which put her in a hospital, on her back looking at the ceiling day and night. She went home a couple of weeks ago but still has to visit the doctor two or three times a week and wear a neck brace. Our very best wishes to her for a complete and speedy recovery.

Member Cliff Hewitt, who hasn't attended a meeting for ages, is really alive and looking fine. Your editor saw him in person recently during one of his brief and infrequent sojourns in this area.

October birthdays: Harry Flower, 16th; James Grebinger, 21st; and Marjorie Baker, 26th.

Exhibit awards at the Oak Park Coin Club's show, Sept. 20-21, were won by three members of C.C.C.: 1st, Harry Flower; 2nd, Stewart Koppel, Aurora Coin Club president; and 3rd, your editor. The show was not well attended, largely, I believe, because of lack of publicity.

ONE BILLION DOLLARS

In these days of inflation and free-spending, a billion-dollar deal or job is not out of the ordinary. But did you ever try to visualize one billion dollars - literally a billion one-dollar bills? First, the weight is quite surprising, being about 1,000 tons, or the capacity of about 20 railroad box cars. Storage would be quite a problem too, as the billion bills would fill a dozen or more average home living rooms from floor to ceiling.

At the P.N.G. show you can see the Treasury Department's exhibit of a billion dollars, although hardly in dollar bills. One piece of it, which probably weighs about two ounces, has a face value of $500,000,000. It takes several pieces to make up the other half.

By all means, see the Treasury's billion dollars but be sure to keep in mind that the chances are very good that you'll never be bothered with one of your own. Let Treasury have the pleasure; they like it - you and I wouldn't.

Incidentally, the interest on a billion dollars, at 5%, comes to about $137,000 daily, including Sundays and holidays.

Dear Member: This space was left just for your use. Send any news or other information you'd like to see in the CHATTER to me, address on first page - Glenn S.

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OCTOBER MEETING NOTES

As announced, the October meeting was held in the RED ROOM, called the Plaza Room by the hotel management. Presumably the entertainment (?) that came through from the adjoining room was free, even if not appreciated.

Three new members were accepted; Louis A. Bergmann, Miss L. Klein and Russell Rulau. We welcome them and would like to see them often at meetings. Miss Klein made her services available at the PNG show registration desk - a good start. Rulau was at the show, too, representing Sidney Publishing Co. and privately, giving Pres. Babka credit for a good job of arm-twisting him into C.C.C. membership. *** Pres. Babka made final announcements about the PNG show and appealed for help with the Club's assignments. (P.S. - The show went off quite well with registration of 2400 during the three days. More about it later.) *** Lee Hewitt reported on moves in Congress for an Eisenhower dollar, which still has not been authorized. *** Glen Smedley reported that the Medallic Art Co. is cancelling the obverse die of the Club's 50th Anniversary medal and expects to have it in our hands for display at the PNG show. (P.S. it arrived and was displayed) *** Pres. Babka announced that the 1970 annual dinner meeting will be held at Harding's on Wabash Ave., site of the last several annual meetings. Later he appointed James Budd chairman for the event. *** Exhibits of the usual interesting variety were made by Arthur Allen, Gerda Birkholz, Harry Flower, I. T. Kopicki, Andrew Oberbillig, William Pettit, Glenn Smedley and Peter Spadoni. *** Gerda Birkholz narrated the showing of color slides obtained during the trip she and Al took to Germany last summer. The excellent slides depicted many beautiful scenes (even those taken in the rain) and Gerda's commentary revealed numerous interesting facets of the trip.

PERSONAL NEWS & PATTER

Members of the Club offer condolences to Charles Ryant whose mother passed away on Oct. 6, two days prior to our last meeting.

Harry and Bess Flower went through several agonizing hours after reading in the newspapers that their son, Mark, was involved in a sea accident on October 9. While swimming off the north Cornwall (England) coast, Mark was swept against rocks and injured. A life boat could not reach him in the heavy seas and a navy helicopter could not get a line to him due to overhanging cliffs. He was finally rescued by men lowered by ropes from the cliff and taken to a hospital where his injuries, although painful, were found not to be serious.

Belatedly we learned that long-time member Art Rutz of Gary was hospitalized but, happily, he is back in circulation.

The M. A. Powills, observed their 41st anniversary on October 20. Congratulations - now you've only 9 to go to the golden one.

Happy birthday to August Hausske, November 6. A kind friend advised that we missed the following

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New but well known member Gary Krug will present the program at the Nov. 12 meeting. We don't have details but, knowing Gary to be a collector of unusual numismatic items, look forward to an interesting talk on something uncommon.

October birthdays: Marcella Sheldon, 14th; Margo Russell, 17th; M. Vernon Sheldon, 20th (I'd never have guessed that Marcella was born 6 days before Vernon); and Louis S. Werner, 22nd. Oh well, you have only a year to wait for our "best wishes" next year.

Based on a change of address notice, we report that members Richard and Mrs. Peterson have moved to Burlington, Ontario, Canada.

Without publicity or fanfair, member L. S. Werner turned over to A.N.A. at the Philadelphia convention a complete set of convention badges from 1918 to date, also a number of early A.N.A. documents and other historical material.

PNG SHOW HELPERS

After the show was over, a list was compiled of club members who donated time and energy so that the Club could realize a cash contribution to its treasury. They were: James and Lilyan Babka, Al and Gerda Birkholz, James R. Budd, Philip and June Budd, Howard Eisenberg, James and Mimi Grebinger, James T. Harris, Mrs. Virginia Hewitt, Miss Leah Klein, I. T. and Pearl Kopicki, Stanley Kruswicki, Jules and Mrs. Marshfield, J. Thomas Nolan, Bruno Rzepka, Miss Freida Schnell Thomas Shugrue, Glenn Smedley and Frank Zaylik. If anyone was overlooked in this list it was unintentional. The name will be published if the president or editor is advised of the omission.

MISCELLANEA

Believe it or not! Your editor was a billionaire for a few minutes when, after the PNG show, he sat alone in a car with over a billion dollars in it. Mr. Prescott, the genial gentleman from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and I packed the Bureau's exhibit, took it to the main Post Office and dispatched it to Washington via registered air mail. Wonder what the first class air mail and registration fee would cost you or me on two packages weighing around 40 pounds each and worth over a billion dollars!

The Richard Petersons have become our only outside-the-United-States members, although one other member lives in Texas.

Another believe it or not! One member did respond to the editor's plea for information in the last CHATTER. He asked to remain anonymous but his help is appreciated. Now, who'll be the next one to send a news item in?

Do you read PLAYBOY magazine? The August issue had an extensive article titled "Gold," with a subtitle on how the fast-moving money manipulators make fortunes by wheeling and dealing in that most ancient of precious metals. It is a comprehensive article which, in several places, distinguishes between collecting gold coins and speculating in gold - coins or bars. The author believes that Americans own as much as 1500 tons of gold coins in this country.

In the November issue of THE NUMISMATIST there is depicted a medal of special significance to Chicagoans. It was issued this year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, but the significance to us lies in the fact that its design is based on a medal originally designed in 1895 by world renowned architect Louis H. Sullivan. Chicago was home to Sullivan from 1875 until his death in 1924. Two of his famous buildings still stand here: the 1898 Auditorium Building at Michigan and Congress Streets and the Carson Pirie Scott Store at State and Madison Streets. A panel of fifty architects and scholars recently placed the Carson Pirie Scott Building and the Wainwright Building in St. Louis, by Sullivan also, at the top of a list (tied for first place) of the most significant commercial buildings of the last hundred years.

The iron grillwork over the entrance to Carson's is typical of Sullivan's style of ornamentation, which may be seen in various parts of the Auditorium Building also. He used this same style of ornamentation on the medal, said to be the only one he ever designed.

The medal, only in bronze, is available from the Chicago Chapter of A.I.A., 101 South Wacker Drive, Chicago 60606 at $6.00, postage and tax included. It was produced by Medallic Art Company and is 76 mm. in diameter.